

November 7, 2021

TO: Los Angeles County Redistricting Commission

FROM: Corinne Sanchez, Esq., President/CEO

Re: Virtual Hearing on November 7, 2021, Public Comment

Good afternoon, Commissioners:

My name is Corinne Sanchez, Esq., President/CEO of El Proyecto del Barrio, Inc., and I live in Glendale, California. Our organization services the San Fernando, San Gabriel Valleys and East Los Angeles for the past 50 years. More specifically, we provide primary health care and childcare services in these areas.

I am in full support of the People's Bloc Map and submitted this endorsement on November 7th Public Hearing form. This option best acknowledges and retains the historical and geographical non-profit service organizations participation. The People's Bloc recognizes the various organizations around Los Angeles County. These organizations are based within the established communities. We provide health and human services needed by these various communities. We advocate for the communities in informal and formal activities at the local, state, and national levels.

More specifically, El Proyecto strongly believes the People's Bloc keeps low-income communities in the San Gabriel Valley together. Typically, other wealthier parts of the SGV intact, and we can be more effective in advocating for environmental and social justice. In addition, the People's Bloc keeps East Los Angeles and the Northeast Los Angeles together, which is invaluable because the Eastside region can continue to advocate and advance environmental and social issues together. It affords the geographic contiguous areas to retain vital economic assets that contribute to the overall well-being of the various vulnerable communities.

I strongly urge you to advance the People's Bloc map and ultimately adopt it as the final map.